



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1646**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08702.0010-12000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Larsen *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1646
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Serial No.: 09/935,144) Examiner: Xie, Xiaozhen
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Filed: August 21, 2001) Confirmation No.: 9733
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For: NOVEL P-SELECTIN LIGAND)
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 29, 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed March 22, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. A timely Notice of Appeal was filed February 28, 2006, and this paper is accompanied by a petition and fee for a three month extension of time and is thus timely filed.

In an interview on April 10, 2006 between Xiaozhen Xie, Elizabeth Kemmerer and Rebecca McNeill, the Office agreed to take under advisement arguments provided

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in an Amendment After Final setting forth support in the specification for a broader scope for the term "isolated P-selectin ligand protein," to include fusion proteins.